



# Rudgwick Primary School News

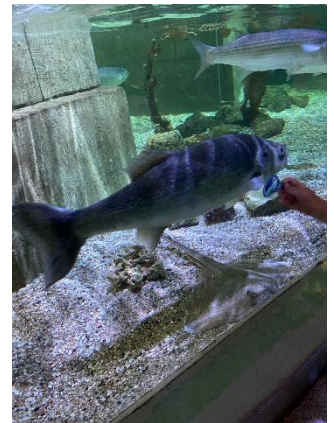
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Summer Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe just how quickly this half term has gone, but it is time for you to enjoy a break with your children again. It is an **Inset day tomorrow** so the children will not be in school. And I would like to remind you that from **Monday 6th June**, when we return, the **gates will open at 8:45am** and remain open until 8:55am. Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am until 8.45am each morning.

It may have been a shorter week for the children this week, but they've have certainly packed a lot in again. We have been very proud of the children in Year 2 this week as they have been taking their KS1 tests. These are used to help Mrs Hutchings with her assessments of how the children are progressing in Year 2 and the children really did give them their best efforts. It was lovely that they were also able to enjoy their school trip as well this week, which was a great success and some amazing sea life was seen.

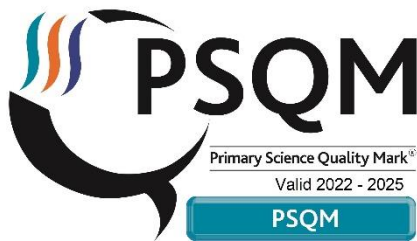


Children in Reception class, Year 4 and Year 5 had the opportunity to work with a music specialist during samba workshops. There was a fun, festival sound emanating from the hall on Tuesday and the children contributed to some incredible musical compositions.

And of course, our Year 6 children have been away this week at Henley Fort for the Residential visit. I was lucky enough to join them on Tuesday and left them on Wednesday. They have been having a brilliant time, excellent experiences and appetising food and have risen to the various challenges such a trip represents.



They are behaving so well, listening to their instructors, following instructions, working together as teams and getting everything they can from it. They have even been managing to get some sleep! My thanks go to Mrs Burns, Mr Tucker and Mrs Thwaites who have been there all week (I'm quite sure they are ready for half term!) and to Mrs Dunsby and Mrs Thompson who also joined them for an evening each.



This week we have also received the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) which Mrs Burns, as Science Leader, and the rest of the staff and children, have been working hard this year to achieve. It indicates our commitment to ensuring the delivery of a high quality science curriculum at Rudgwick Primary School (please see the attached press release about the award).

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we will see you on Monday 6th June when we will open the final half term of the year with our Jubilee celebrations!

**Happy Birthday**



Congratulations to Isabell, Eloise, William LG, Alice M, Madison W, Joshua F-J and Henry, who all had their birthdays this week. Also sending happy wishes to Charlie C, Reece, Savannah, Ivy, Harley J, Flynn, Sammy and Max G, who have their birthdays during half term. Please do send a photo into the school office as we love to see how you celebrated at home. What a delicious cake Issy had!



Well done to our times table awards:

**Gold:** Joanna

And additive number bond badges to:

**10:** Vienna

**We have been learning**

<p>Africa (Year R)</p>	<p>What an amazing final week we have had in Africa class! We have been super busy writing about our trip to Horsham Museum, writing sentences about what we saw and what our favourite exhibits were. The coach and packed lunches were very popular! In phonics, we practised recognising red words in a fun game of red word bingo. In PSED, we have been thinking about different kinds of emotions, linking it with The Zones of Regulation framework. We have continued to consolidate our knowledge of subtraction in maths and enjoyed a visit from a baby bluetit that was found in the ceiling! Enjoy a great half term, Africa class. See you soon!</p>
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Asia (Year 1)	Wow what another busy half term! I cannot believe we have only got one half term left. We have continued our learning of arrays in maths and are recognising the columns and rows in these, and have realised that we can make it into a times table and a repeated addition number sentence. In English, we have continued our writing of meerkat information pages and they are absolutely amazing, all the children have produced beautiful work. In geography, we have been learning about maps and drew a map of the school, which was very exciting. In French with Miss Kent, we had to work as a team to build a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti, this was good fun. We practised playing our recorders in music and were repeating back rhythms Mrs Eames played. Finally in RSHE, we were comparing ourselves from when we were a baby to now, how we have changed and the things we can do now as a child compared to when we were a baby. I hope you all have a lovely and restful half term and cannot wait to see you all in your red, white and blue on Monday for the Jubilee party.
Europe (Year 2)	We have had a full on week, even though it has only been 4 days and I know the children are ready for half term. We have been busy doing final edits and publishing our pirate stories into books this week in English. To make our maps look authentic, we used coffee to stain them and make them feel old. They will be added to our books at the beginning to excite and entice the reader. We have worked really hard to show Mrs Hutchings what we can do independently this week, with a focus on reading, maths and spelling. We have done her proud and were really sensible. BUT the most fabulous day of the week was our offsite visit to Brighton Sealife Centre! We had such a incredible day and loved seeing so many amazing ocean and sea creatures up close. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help on the day, it really was much appreciated! Happy Half Term lovely ones!
Australasia (Year 3)	In Maths this week, we developed our skills on how to tell the time to 5 minute and 1 minute intervals. This proved quite tricky but we showed excellent perseverance. In Science, we learnt how water is transported in a plant and we have used all of our growing science knowledge to constantly improve and tend to our class garden. It is beginning to look beautiful! In Literacy, our book 'An Interview with a Tiger' continues to make us laugh and we are using this writing style to work on our own version of a book 'An interview with a worm and other garden creatures.' In ICT, we are making stop frame animation using iMotion and in Music our recorder playing is coming along nicely. What a busy half term it has been. Enjoy the half term break!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Although it has been a short week, we have still packed a lot in! Our class had the opportunity to play the samba drums, courtesy of Daniel Gilmore of the West Sussex Music Service. It felt like a real band and we got the chance to try out different instruments that we had never even heard of! We made rainforest cookies based on foods from the rainforest and we also designed the packaging to transport the cookies. Our poems have been published-they are so descriptive and show off our writing skills. In Geography, we looked at the similarities and

	differences between the Amazon rainforest and Sherwood Forest in the U.K. We hope you all have a restful and fun half-term!
North America (Year 5)	The highlight of our week, this week, was when we were joined by music specialist, Daniel Gilmore. The children took part in a samba workshop. We created a cacophony of noise in the samba style and had an absolute blast. A lovely way to finish the half term.
South America (Year 6)	Year 6 have been have a wonderful time at Henley Fort, on their residential. We can't wait to hear all of their news, on their return.

**We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.**

### **Diary Dates**

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr Terry Ryan, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

*Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.*



**West Sussex Early Childhood Quality Award**



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